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Senate approves Toy legislation to help victims of ID theft

LANSING – The Michigan Senate on Wednesday approved legislation aimed at helping victims of identity theft re-establish their credit, announced Sen. Laura Toy, sponsor of the bills.

“Identity theft is a horrible crime that can leave victims vulnerable for years to come,” said Toy, R-Livonia. “These bills empower victims with tools to help them restore their credit and recover their good name.”

Senate Bill 794 would create a standardized certificate local prosecutors could provide to victims of ID theft that would legally prove they had been victims of that crime.

Under SB 1384, a victim of identity theft would be entitled to a police report from the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the violation.

Having the ability to show legal proof of being an ID-theft victim is a common problem for people trying to restore their damaged credit.

The bills now go to the House of Representatives.

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